

than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or suffer imprisonment for a period not exceeding three months or both so fined and imprisoned, each day of such unlawful practice to constitute a distinct and separate offense."

Sec. 4. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 5. This Act shall become effective upon its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 14th day of April, 1951.

H. B. 913

CHAPTER 1131

AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF PHYSICAL THERAPY BY REGISTERED PHYSICAL THERAPISTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) "Physical Therapy" means the treatment of any bodily or mental conditions of any person by the use of the physical, chemical and other properties of heat, light, water, electricity, massage and therapeutic exercise, which includes posture and rehabilitation procedures. The use of Roentgen rays and radium for diagnostic and therapeutic purposes, and the use of electricity for surgical purposes, including cauterization, are not authorized under the term "physical therapy" as used in this Act.

(2) "Physical Therapist" means a person who practices physical therapy as defined in this Act under the prescription, supervision and direction of a person licensed in this State to practice medicine and surgery.

(3) Words importing the masculine gender may be applied to females.

Sec. 2. The State examining committee of physical therapists is hereby created. The examining committee shall consist of five members, including at least one doctor and four physical therapists, who shall be appointed by the Governor from a list submitted to him by the North Carolina Physical Therapy Association, Inc., for terms as provided in this Act. Each physical therapy member of said examining committee shall be registered, a resident of this State, and shall have not less than three years' experience in the practice of physical therapy immediately preceding his appointment and shall be actively engaged in the practice of physical therapy during his incumbency. On or before January 1, 1952, five members shall be appointed by the Governor, whose terms of office shall commence on January 1, 1952, one member to serve for one year, two for two years, and two for three years respectively, to serve until their successors are appointed. On January 1, 1953, and triennially thereafter, one member shall be appointed for three years; on January 1, 1954, and triennially thereafter, two members shall be appointed for three years; on January 1, 1955, and triennially thereafter, two members shall be appointed for three years. In the event that a member of the examining committee for any reason cannot complete his term of office, another appointment shall be made by the Governor in accordance with the procedure